

# QSP



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# GASPARILLA

I asked Bob, WB4GDF, how he came to be a pirate? He told me some gypsies stole him in the middle of the night and sold him to that fierce desperado Jose Gaspar. Well, maybe, but either the gypsies were awful busy, or Tampa was suddenly hit by an epidemic of swashbucklitis because when the Pirate horde came up the Hillsborough River and overran the helpless city they were equipped with a modern communications system manned by TBRA freebooters WB4GDF, K8GHE, W4POP, W4EFK, WA4TNH, WA4KLW, and WB4GKD, WB4RHN, WA4NEQ, WB4PYE, WB4DPC, WA4GCH, WA4VMH and WB4OMY...

Meanwhile as the battle progressed and swarms of grinning buccaneers, not to mention their wenches, pillaged the city to the accompaniment of scores of bands and floats, the remnants of the city's defense forces manned the First Aid Stations with radio contact maintained by TBRA Members WB4MFX, N4BZ, W4JVQ, WA4UQM, WA4UOB, WA4UGS, WB4FGY, WB4RRG, K8WFI, WA4VKJ, WA4LEN, WA4THT, WB4QHE, and WB4ALH..

All the shooting by TBRA was done by Bob, WB4AKA who scooted up and down the parade on a moped, camera in hand, trying desperately to identify all those painted faces with HT's strapped to their sides.

Of course someone had to remain sane, Butch, WB4EKP, stayed up there in North Tampa safely out of range and handled the telephone traffic.

As if that wasn't enough for one day this year's Gasparilla Day began with a Marathon foot race from Tampa down Bayshore Boulevard and back. TBRA provided radio operators for that too, they were: WB4WBL, WB4BXU, WB4ALH, WA4ZGH, WA4UQM, N4BZ, WA4UOB, WB4RRG, and WA4VKJ.

Amateur Radio and PIRATES may seem like a strange combination but with heart attacks, broken legs, and pooped out runners, TBRA again proved a welcome asset wherever large masses of people are involved..

## NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY - MARCH 14, 1978  
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# tbra MINUTES

On February 14, 1978 the TBRA meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

President Bob Shireling, WB4GDF, welcomed visitors, following which members and visitors introduced themselves.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,272.51. Ed also announced that he has forms for amateur call plates and application forms for membership.

Public Service Director Jim Daniels, WB4OMY, reported that 35 people were actively involved in providing service during Gasparilla Day and thanked everybody for helping.

The President thanked Jim and all members for their efforts during Gasparilla and requested a list of all people who participated in all of the events.

K4MDY made presentations for public service events to WA4LEN, WB4OMY, WA4VMH and WB4GDF.

Publicity Director Bob Haynes, WB4AKA, reported on Gasparilla news releases.

The President requested that anyone who is taking part in any public service events try to get color slides showing our activities, because we would like to make a new presentation of TBRA.

## OLD BUSINESS

John Allen, K8GHE, presented a certificate of appreciation for public service activities of Butch Howard, WB4EKP.

## NEW BUSINESS

The President suggested a VHF Field Day in the Bay Area shopping centers to inform the public what we are doing and what TBRA is all about. He stated that he would like to see a committee that would begin arrangements and planning for Field Day and asked for volunteers. WB4AKA, WB4KLW, WA4THT and WB4EKP volunteered. WB4AKA volunteered to serve as Chairman.

The President proposed that once a month we select a restaurant at which to meet and have brunch or breakfast. WB4AKA suggested that we meet for dinner prior to regular meetings. WB4EKP suggested short excursions by car to locations for outdoor activities. It was agreed that members would listen for announcements on these activities on the Thursday night nets.

The President requested volunteers to serve on an entertainment committee.

The President requested a new net control station to relieve Ed Paremske, WB4FGQ, for the Thursday night net.

Wally, N4BZ, presented a suggestion that TBRA members compile recipes for the printing of a cookbook to be sold to the public to raise funds for TBRA for the printing of QSP.

The President announced that there is one more opening in the organization for business manager to help Wally with the printing of QSP and requested that anyone who was interested should talk to Wally.

WB4BQZ, of the Tampa Amateur Radio Club announced to members that from March 29 through April 9 at the Florida State Fair TARC will need assistance in operating its booth. He said TARC will run a six-meter radio teletyp from the booth to its clubhouse and put the messages out on high-frequency teletype. He said it would offer a chance for those interested to get initiated in teletype and asked for volunteers to contact TARC.

Dave, WB6GBT, offered continuing Novice Classes every Tuesday night at his home and stated he is trying to put together a class for those wishing to obtain a General Class License.

There being no further new business the meeting was adjourned at 2015, followed by refreshments and an illuminating, enlightening talk by Ed Tilton, W1HDQ, on the observation and effect of sunspots.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Lee W4NGP Secretary

# BOARD meeting

The Executive Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on February 14, 1978, with seven members present.

Bernie Glassen, WA4KLW, was elected as President.

It was agreed that the Board continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on regular TBRA meeting nights, at the same location.

There was a discussion as to operating practices of certain members of TBRA.

There was a discussion of the two control lines for the repeater and the fact that only one is necessary and the desirability of getting one removed.

The association is down to twelve copies of the "Welcome" article put into QSP. It was suggested that WB4GDF rewrite "Welcome" and that 500 copies be run for QSP and enough for one year's supply for new members.

K4KNX showed samples of cookbooks that can be compiled by amateurs and sold to help gain funds for printing QSP. Recipes would be solicited from association members. Each book would sell for approximately \$2.95, for a profit of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per book.

K4WSB requested a change in the second paragraph of the operating procedures of TBRA, and a discussion followed.

WB4GDF entertained a motion to have the cookbook printed. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Dick Lee, W4NGP  
Secretary



## F C C RESOLVES DILEMMA

The Federal Communications Commission is presently making sweeping changes in amateur rules and regulations designed to relieve the administrative load at the Commission office. In general this has been and should be met with enthusiasm by the amateur fraternity. In part it is a reward for the self-control exhibited by amateurs over the years. However, there is no such animal as a change that does not anger someone.

One such change was Docket 21033 which eliminated special repeater and auxiliary station licenses and among other things added a new repeater subband from 144.5-145.5 Mhz. In response to a petition from the ARRL that docket was stayed. This produced a dilemma because with that docket the FCC no longer processed applications for repeater licenses. Because the docket was not released repeater licenses were necessary before new repeater or auxiliary stations could begin thus there was no way new repeaters could be put on the air.

Effective February 14, 1978 the Commission has temporarily waived the appropriate sections to make it possible for amateurs to operate their primary stations as repeaters or auxiliary stations without notifying the FCC. While operating they must identify using their own call sign followed by the letters RPT or AUX on CW or the words REPEATER or AUXILIARY as appropriate. This waiver will remain in effect until it is superseded by the final Docket 21033.

Docket 21135 originally would have eliminated all but primary stations which meant military recreation stations, club stations, secondary stations, special event stations, and RACES stations. Well they have, with considerable help from about 400 individuals and groups, reconsidered. The purpose of this Docket is to reduce the workload on the Commission staff and of course one could wonder how, considering the enormity of CB in the same division, how any change in amateur licensing methods could have a measurable impact. Still, if it really does reduce the bureaucratic workload we certainly shall lend a sympathetic ear. These are the rule changes that will go into effect on March 24, 1978.

1. There will be no more secondary or special event licenses.

Existing secondary station licenses may be held until their expiration date but will not be renewed. If you have a secondary station license and you wish to KEEP THE CALL SIGN - you may have your primary station license modified to that call sign. THIS IS TRUE EVEN IF IT IS FOR A DIFFERENT CALL AREA.

## 2. Call SIGN Simplification

There will be no special call signs issued. All call signs will be issued systematically beginning with the suffix AAA to ZZZ. 1x2 and 2x2 call signs will be from AA to ZZ and 2x1 signs will be from A-Z.

There will be no guarantee of a retention of format when moving from one call area to the next. In other words if I moved back to Mass. I would not be guaranteed a 1x2 call, however, I would be allowed to keep N4BZ even with a Massachusetts address.

All Pacific Area amateurs outside the Continental U.S. will be assigned call signs beginning with KH followed by a number designating the island or group of islands where the station is located. All Atlantic Area stations will receive similar calls beginning with KP.

In addition they hope in the future to provide an opportunity for Advanced, General and Technician Class Amateurs to obtain upon request, a non-specific 1x3 call sign.

This new Docket keeps repeater auxiliary, (waived by the previous mentioned action and probably to be scrapped later) control, club, military recreational, and RACES stations.

I am inclined to think that everyone even Eastern liberals like me is in favor of less government. To the extent that these changes accomplish this I wish them luck, but I am glad I got my two letter call in time.

N4BZ

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1830 "	3641 Khz	CW	Gator
0930 "	50.15 Mhz	AM/SSB	Medicare
1200 "	7247 Khz	SSB	FMTN
1700 "	3940 Khz	SSB	TPTN
1800 "	3940 Khz	SSB	FAST
1830 "	147.66-06	FM	SPARC
1900 "	3651 Khz	CW	QFN
1900 "	3940 Khz	SSB	FSEN
1900 "	147.58	FM	Maine
2000 "	3715 Khz	CW 8wpm	QFNS
2200 "	3940 Khz	SSB	FAST
2200 "	146.49	FM	ETPP
2230 "	3940 Khz	SSB	FAST
2000 SUN.	147.66-06	FM	Emergency
2100 MON.	223.34-4.94	FM	Emergency
1930 THUR.	146.16-76	FM	Swap
2000 THUR.	51.45	AM	TARC
2030 THUR.	146.37-97	FM	Emergency
2100 THUR.	28.720	SSB	Emergency
1930 FRI.	147.96-36	FM	Emergency

## Abbreviations:

FPTN	- Florida Phone Traffic Net
FMTN	- Florida Midday Traffic Net
TPTN	- Tropical Phone Traffic Net
FAST	- Florida Amateur SSB Traffic Net
SPARC	- St. Pete Amateur Radio Club
QFN	- All Florida CW Traffic Net
TARC	- Tampa Amateur Radio Club
FSEN	- Florida Sideband Emergency Net
ETPP	- El Toro Pooh Pooh Net

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U.S. Population	204,412,632
Over Age 65	62,986,514
Left To Do The Work (LTDTW)	141,426,118
Under 21	84,747,979
LTDTW	56,678,139
In the Armed Forces	4,267,028
LTDTW	52,411,111
State/City Employees	16,232,806
LTDTW	36,178,305
Federal Employees	28,613,210
LTDTW	7,565,095
In Hospitals, Other Institutions	6,215,924
LTDTW	1,349,171
Vagrants, Dropouts, Professional Demonstrators	1,148,006
LTDTW	201,165
In Prison	201,163
LTDTW	2

Clearly friend, if any work is to be done it's up to you and me. But considering how tired I am --- your turn....

(From Triplett via ISCET Bulletin)

LICENSE	EXPIRED??	LICENSE	EXPIRED??
W2DOZ	WB4EEE	WA4LLU	WB4PYE
WB4BXU	K4IAL	W4LPB	K4QJN
WB4CKC	WA4IIT	WB4LXX	K4QNX
WA4CYZ	WA4JMI	K4MQJ	W4WOR
WB4DPC	W4KDX	WA4NQN	

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## T B R A COOKBOOK

Do you have a favorite recipe? Everyone does. This is your chance to share it with your 2 meter friends and to try some of theirs. Next month's QSP will include a form you can use to submit your recipes to our Cookbook Chairman Terri K4KNX and her Committee Helen W4HZY and Sandy Allen. The girls will collect, compile and type the recipes to be assembled into a colorful cookbook that will be sold for \$1.95 with the club making a profit of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per book. This project will be to help defray the cost of publishing QSP.

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There is a move afoot to reward those members of our organization who devote a considerable amount of time on Public Service projects. I think that is grossly unfair to all of those who go out of their way every day of the week to give our repeater the kind of personality we all know and love.

Therefore I am proposing a new kind of award. In fact a group of awards that will enable us to justly reward those members who try so hard to make a lasting impression on all who listen to our repeater.

## THE BUCKET MOUTH AWARD

An applicant for the Bucket Mouth Award must be able to break into any conversation regardless of subject matter and spend a minimum of 15 minutes telling any one individual, to the exclusion of all others, all about himself, his new radio his new amplifier, and the radio he is going to swap tomorrow.

## THE SAINT BERNARD DOG AWARD

An applicant for the Saint Bernard Dog Award must remind us at least once every 15 minutes for a solid week that he is listening to the repeater.

## THE ORDER OF THE PURPLE OPEN WIRE KILOWAT

The Order of the POWK is open to any 2 KW DC Bander who thinks two meters is an extension of his private frequencies. He must prove himself by not acknowledging breaking stations, turning group discussions into personal two-ways, and in general ignoring amateurs he hasn't known for twenty years.

## THE W.T. GRANT AWARD

To be eligible for the W.T. Grant Award member must interrupt every conversation on the repeater for two weeks using a walki-talki without ever getting a single intelligible sentence across.

I am sure we could appoint an awards committee that could elaborate on these.. The point is why should awards be given only to those who contribute to public service or the betterment of amateur radio or other shop-worn phrases. As you can see we have more deserving recipients if you only use a little imagination.

On the other hand, maybe no one quite qualifies for any of these awards maybe it's just that each of us is a little bit guilty of all of these offenses and if we thought about it a moment, together we could make our repeater a pleasure to listen to.....

N4BZ

As I sit back and reflect the events last month several points come to mind.

Gasparilla Day provided the greatest, single display of TBRA INVOLVEMENT that I can remember. Thirty three (33) members gave up their time to come out and help. Five of these served in both the Marathon and Red Cross Stations during the parade. In analyzing the operation some mistakes were made and we will strive for improvement next year. Many thanks to Jim WB4OMY for his leadership and planning of Gasparilla. It was my pleasure to meet with Rep. Sam Gibbons, during my boat ride. We talked about amateur radio and in particular the Tampa Bay Repeater Association and it's INVOLVEMENT in Public Service.

I was extremely pleased when Fred K4KIK told me he had arranged for Ed Tilton W1HDQ to drop in and speak at our Feb. Meeting. His talk on sunspots and propagation was extremely interesting. Ed is with ARRL Headquarters and is a contributing Editor to QST. Fred announced Ed and his wife are considering moving to Florida. Wow, what a gain to the Suncoast if Ed and his XYL would settle here.

Wally brought forward a proposal that TBRA sponsor a cookbook with the proceeds going to support QSP. Terri K4KNX will head the committee to ramrod and collect the recipes, so guys and gals collect your favorite recipe and submit them for the TBRA Cookbook.

A Committee was formed to set up and arrange a VHF Field Day throughout the Tampa Bay Area. Bob, WB4AKA, volunteered to be the Chairman with Bernie WA4KJW, Sarge WA4THT, and Butch WB4EKP committee-men. The purpose of the field day is to inform and demonstrate to the population of the Bay Area, the purpose of amateur radio and what TBRA can do. I hope this will grow to be an annual event.

Starting with the Gasparilla Public Service event special certificates of achievement will be presented to those amateur radio operators who serve on 10, 25, 50 and 100 Public Service Events. One point will be awarded for each event served. The Public Service Officer and I will keep score. Note the Marathon and Red Cross each will count as 1 point. Any body want to bet who will be the first to obtain the Century Award. Good Luck.. I hope you all will be trying. I know I will. In fact I will try to get the Board to approve a plaque or trophy for the First Century Award..

I hope to see all of you out to the MARCH meeting..

73's

BOB WB4GDF



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